

15. (New) Implant according to claim 3, wherein a first portion is provided with a double or multiple thread, and a second portion is provided with a single thread or thread numbering different from the thread numbering of the first portion, or vice versa.

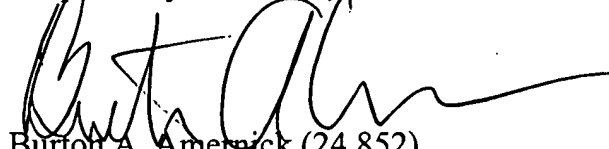
16. (New) Implant according to claim 4, wherein a first portion is provided with a double or multiple thread, and a second portion is provided with a single thread or thread numbering different from the thread numbering of the first portion, or vice versa.

17. (New) Implant according to claim 5, wherein a first portion is provided with a double or multiple thread, and a second portion is provided with a single thread or thread numbering different from the thread numbering of the first portion, or vice versa.

#### REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to improve their format. None of these amendments is believed to involve any new matter. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, that the application as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that the claims as now presented receive an early allowance.

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3. (Amended) Implant according to claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that the conically tapering portion is arranged with materially reduced thread parts with full radius and which are at least two in number.

4. (Amended) Implant according to [any of the preceding claims 1, 2 or 3, characterized in that] claim 1, wherein the point angle of the cone-shaped portion is less than 20°.

5. (Amended) Implant according to [any of the preceding claims, characterized in that] claim 1, wherein each relief edge consists of two essentially plane relief surfaces which form an obtuse angle with each other.

6. (Amended) Implant according to [any of the preceding claims, characterized in that] claim 1, wherein a first portion is provided with a double or multiple thread, and a second portion is provided with a single thread or thread numbering different from the thread numbering of the first portion, or vice versa.